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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U.S.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

NOV. 24, 1982

The attached communication is submitted for your consideration, and to ask that the request made therein be complied with, if possible.

If you will advise me of your action in this matter and have the letter returned to me with your reply, I will appreciate it.

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Re: Department of State Bulletin "The Genocide of the Armenians by the Turks in 1915

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November 19, 1982

The Honorable Lee H. Hamilton
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Dear Mr. Hamilton:

In the August, 1982 issue of the Department of State Bulletin, the official monthly record of United States Foreign Policy (Vol. 82, No. 2065) there appeared a report on Armenian Terrorism. As alarming as acts of violence may be, even more alarming was to note the usage of certain terms as "alleged", "ambiguous", "allegations", etc. in describing the Genocide of the Armenians by the Turks. The real shocker was the note at the end of the report which in essence is a disclaimer by the Department of State that a genocide took place in 1915.

The Genocide of the Armenians by the Turks in 1915 is a historical fact. It is not debatable or subject to negotiation. It is too well documented to warrant any such terms as "alleged", "ambiguous", or "allegations". This is a major reversal of the official State Department position from the time of President Woodrow Wilson to the present day. It is not only a contradiction of U. S. Policy of the past but also an attempt to aid and abet Turkey in her efforts to rewrite history and get away with the genocide she committed.

As a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, you are in a position to make certain that the Department of State does not alter historical facts for the expediency of appeasing Turkey. I urge you to study the record of the United States since 1915 and the consistent position about the Genocide of the Armenians by the Turks. To change our position now is embarassing and inconsistent with the truth.

Your help and cooperation to reestablish the [redacted] U. S. Policy concerning the Armenian [redacted] would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosure